

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

Paul McGrane et al.

Application No.: 09/845,233

Filed: April 30, 2001

For: Method For the Direct Esterification  
of Sorbitol With Fatty Acids



Group Art Unit: 1621

Examiner:  
Deborah D. Carr

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Commissioner of Patents  
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action dated 10 June 2005, in relation to the above-identified application. This response is considered timely by virtue of the petition for a 3-month extension of time filed herewith along with payment of the associated extension fee of \$1020.00, and the fact that the 6-month deadline for response fell on Saturday, December 10, 2005, thereby extending the deadline to the next business day, Monday, December 12, 2005.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.

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